

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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The Honorable Samuel Bodman
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
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The Honorable Jim Nussle
Director
Office of Management and Budget
725 17th Street, NW
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Dear Secretary Bodman and Director Nussle:

As you finalize the President's Fiscal Year 2009 budget request, we urge you to include funding for Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicles (PHEVs) and other programs that further the electrification of America's transportation sector, such as advanced battery research, truck stop electrification, and ship-to-shore electrification.

Specifically, we hope the President will request at least \$250 million in funding for PHEVs and related electrification measures, including \$150 million for advanced mobile and stationary batteries, \$40 million for light- and heavy-duty electric vehicle demonstrations, \$20 million in PHEV analysis, system modeling, and grid analysis, \$5 million for PHEV testing and certification, and \$35 million for education, research, development, and deployment efforts. These levels are currently allowable under existing authorizations.

As you may know, 97 percent of our nation's transportation sector is dependent on oil. The electrification of our transportation sector through PHEVs and other measures holds the promise of significantly reducing our nation's dependence on oil while saving consumers hundreds of dollars at the pump and reducing vehicular pollution and greenhouse gases. A financial commitment from the federal government is vital if we are to see PHEVs on the road over the next few years.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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